

Senate Study Bill 1024

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to an appropriation from the environment first
2 fund for the establishment of permanent soil and water
3 conservation practices, by allocating moneys to support the
4 administration of local governmental units, and providing an
5 effective date.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. 2004 Iowa Acts, chapter 1175, section 301,
1 2 subsection 1, paragraph f, unnumbered paragraph 2, is amended
1 3 to read as follows:

1 4 (1) Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in
1 5 this lettered paragraph "f" may be used for costs of
1 6 administration and implementation of soil and water
1 7 conservation practices.

1 8 (2) Of the amount appropriated in this paragraph "f",
1 9 \$250,000 shall be used to reimburse commissioners of soil and
1 10 water conservation districts for administrative expenses,
1 11 including, but not limited to, travel expenses and technical
1 12 training. Moneys used for the payment of meeting dues by
1 13 counties shall be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the
1 14 soil conservation division.

1 15 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT == PAYMENT OF REIMBURSEMENT MONEYS.
1 16 The department of agriculture and land stewardship shall
1 17 reimburse commissioners of soil and water conservation
1 18 districts the amounts allocated pursuant to section 1 of this
1 19 Act within ten days after the effective date of this Act.

1 20 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
1 21 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

1 22 EXPLANATION

1 23 This bill amends a provision in S.F. 2298 (2004 Iowa Acts,
1 24 ch. 1175) as enacted by the general assembly during its last
1 25 session. As part of an appropriation from the environment
1 26 first fund to the department of agriculture and land
1 27 stewardship, \$2 million was dedicated to support farmers
1 28 participating in conservation programs. The bill adds
1 29 provisions which require the department to use a portion of
1 30 this appropriation to reimburse commissioners of soil and
1 31 water conservation districts for administrative expenses,
1 32 including, but not limited to, travel expenses and technical
1 33 training. It also provides that moneys used for the payment
1 34 of meeting dues by counties must be matched on a dollar-for=
1 35 dollar basis by the department's soil conservation division.

2 1 Similar language has been included in past bills appropriating
2 2 general fund moneys to the department (see 2000 Acts, ch.
2 3 1224, section 1, subsection 4). The bill requires that the
2 4 department reimburse the commissioners the designated amounts
2 5 within 10 days after the effective date of this bill.

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